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SUBJECT: NEW HEAD OF EC COMMISSION DELEGATION TO UN

1. PIERRE MALVE, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS IN EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE, HAS INFORMED MISSION OFFICERS THAT HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY COMMISSION TO REPLACE PAOLO CECCHINI AS HEAD OF EC COMMISSION DELEGATION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK. CECCHINI WILL RETURN TO BRUSSELS FOR AN ASSIGNMENT IN COMMISSION'S DG-III (INDUSTRIAL AND INTERNAL MARKET AFFAIRS).

2. MALVE EXPECTS TO WIND UP HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN BRUSSELS BY THE END OF JULY AND TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AROUND AUGUST 20. WHILE CECCHINI'S TOUR WAS LIMITED TO THE FIRST YEAR OF THE MISSION'S EXISTENCE AS AN INDEPENDENT DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, MALVE INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE IN NEW YORK "FOR SOME TIME."

3. MALVE, 49 AND FRENCH, HAS BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE WITHIN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE SINCE 1974. FROM 1969 UNTIL 1973, HE WORKED IN THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY MATTERS. BETWEEN THESE TWO ASSIGNMENTS, HE WAS DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET TO THEN EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI. FROM 1963 TO 1967 HE WAS IN CHARGE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL

PROBLEMS IN THE KENNEDY ROUND AND GENERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR GRAINS. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WORKED IN THE FRENCH AND MOROCCAN MINISTRIES OF FINANCE. HE HAS A LAW DEGREE AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION.

4. MALVE IS SERIOUS, AFFABLE, INTELLIGENT, EXTREMELY HARD WORKING, AND HAS RHETORICAL PANACHE. WHILE US DELEGATES WHO ENCOUNTERED HIM IN GENEVA OFTEN COMPLAINED OF HIS TENDENCY TO ENGAGE IN "OVERLY THEOLOGICAL AND OBTUSE MONOLOGUES" ON COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL DOCTRINE, HE IS BASICALLY LIBERAL IN OUTLOOK AND STRIVES FOR RAPPROCHMENT BETWEEN US AND COMMUNITY VIEWPOINTS. HE IS VERY SELF-CONFIDENT AND THIS OFTEN LEADS HIM TO EXPRESS PERSONAL VIEWS ON ISSUES WHICH DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT ACCURATELY EC POLICIES. AS A CONSEQUENCE, HE HAS OCCASIONALLY FOUND HIMSELF OUT ON A LIMB WHICH HIS SUPERIORS ARE BUSY SAWING OFF BEHIND HIM. HE HAS MADE NO SECRET ABOUT HIS AMBITION TO HEAD UP ONE OF THE EC'S OVERSEAS DELEGATIONS, AND UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO PROMOTE HIMSELF FOR THE OTTAWA POST TWO YEARS AGO. WHILE HIS PERSONALITY HAS MADE HIM SOME ENEMIES IN THE COMMISSION, WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC INTERLOCUTOR AND A USEFUL SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

5. MALVE IS MARRIED AND HAS NO CHILDREN. HE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIS EXPERIENCE DURING A 1968 LEADER GRANT TOUR OF THE US AND BY HIS SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENT IN WASHINGTON. HE EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION TO MISSION OFFICERS AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO THE US AGAIN. MALVE SPEAKS EXCELLENT THOUGH ACCENTED ENGLISH. HINTON
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